

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, March 14th – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom

Cascade Building, 3rd Floor, Room 332

(9401 Farwest Drive SW; Lakewood, WA)

The town hall will be a great opportunity to bring comments and ask questions about the 2009 legislative session.

Immediately following the town hall, join us at the...

Hill Ward Site Dedication

Fort Steilacoom Park

March 14th at 4:00 p.m.

When gang violence marred this spot in the summer of 2006, Reps. Green and Kelley secured funding with your help to turn this historic location with great views into a safe, park-like setting for our families to hike and reflect on our state's history.



House District Day*

Wednesday, February 25th – 9:30am to 2pm

Your chance to come down and see everything first-hand.

Brown Bag Lunches at the Capitol*

Monday, March 16th & Wednesday, April 1st

**Please call Tami or Troy's office for details and to RSVP.
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2009 Mid-Session Report



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Rep. Green

What I'll be working on...

As a working wife, mother and grandmother, I understand the impact of the economic downturn on families and individuals. That's why some of my top priorities this session are to provide dependable jobs for the people of our state, increase reliable and affordable health care, and strengthen our

education system for our children's future.

Finding ways to ensure our state government is fiscally sound and provides services for all Washingtonians, is one of my responsibilities as an elected official. I currently serve on the Audit Review & Oversight, Commerce & Labor, Health Care & Wellness, Human Services, and the Rules committees. My focus is driven by the feedback that I receive from you.

Simply promising change doesn't make a difference. I can tell you that I'm already working to pave the way for new jobs and to cut costs in our community. This session, I'm co-sponsoring a bill that increases opportunities for small businesses. The bill requires that all state agencies post contract jobs onto the state's electronic common bid notification system. This is intended to increase small business awareness of state contracts available for competition. Additional contracts awarded to small, local businesses by the state will mean additional jobs in communities throughout the state.



Smaller budgets at home, in Olympia

You have probably seen the headlines and felt the pinch in your pocketbook—times have gotten harder over the past few years. Here at the capitol, everyone is ready for a tough year. We need to pass a budget that doesn't leave behind the vulnerable, but also makes up for an anticipated \$6 billion shortfall. We'll be making tough decisions every day and we thank you in advance for letting us know what issues are most important to you.

Education: not cutting back on our future

Our state constitution requires, and we agree that education is priority number one. A group of legislators and others met over the summer to talk about what we must do better. The recommendations are hitting us in the worst possible year. However, if we want our state to be thriving when our children start careers, they must be getting the best education possible. We'll fight to make sure our budget leaves schools in a position to make sure our future is bright.



Supporting our veterans at home

We benefit daily from the enormous amount of military families living in our communities. We can thank them for their service, but we can also do more to make sure they come home with opportunities to support themselves and their families. We'll be working on a package of legislation to expand job opportunities, access to services and other improvements for veterans.



Rep. Kelley

What I'll be working on...

This session, I will be working on issues important to so many of us, particularly since the collapse of our financial sector. Some of my priorities are affordable health care, public safety and making our laws and government work as efficiently as possible. With my business experience and background fighting white-collar crime, I will work as Vice Chair of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee to increase oversight on lending institutions. I will also find solutions to benefit workers and businesses in our community on the Health Care & Wellness, Judiciary, Rules, and the Audit Review and Oversight committees.



Stopping McNeil Island SCC phone abuse

Sex offenders are kept at the McNeil Island Special Commitment Center to protect the public. Right now there is a gap in that protection. With open access to phone lines, these offenders are able to continue victimizing the public and the center's staff, who are open to abuse when they are home. I will push again this year to track the actions of these offenders and prevent them from threatening our friends, children and neighbors.

Supporting small business

As we come out of this downturn, small business will be leading the charge to get us going again. I'll be sponsoring two bills to help small businesses grow and succeed. First off, people starting new businesses should have a window of time to get off the ground without being burdened by our business and operation tax. Secondly, we need to be educating these entrepreneurs, not punishing them for rules they didn't even know about. That's why I'll also be sponsoring a bill to waive penalties for first-time filing violations.



As always, your input helps me when making decisions on every issue, including these.